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SUBJECT: SADAT'S CHANGES OF HIS GENERALS

1. MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS DIRECTOR VERED OF MFA TOLD US DEC 13 SHE BELIEVED SADAT'S REPLACEMENT OF KEY GENERALS WAS RESULT OF INTERNAL CRITICISM IN EGYPT ABOUT CONDUCT OF RECENT WAR. AS IN ISRAEL, THERE HAD BEEN INQUIRY RECENTLY INTO THIS MATTER, AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR CERTAIN RESULTS OF WAR SHOULD BE REPLACED. THERE HAD BEEN RECENT CRITICISMS IN PEOPLE'S COUNCIL AND OTHER FORA WHERE TRUTH ABOUT FAILINGS OF EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES WAS KNOWN.

2. MRS VERED ADDED SHE WAS NOT INCLINED TO AGREE WITH PRESS INTERPRETATION OF CHANGES AS HAVING DOVE-HAWK IMPLICATIONS. SHE DID NOT SEE IN RECENT STATEMENT BY GENERAL SHAZLY ABOUT ARMY'S WILLINGNESS TO RESUME FIGHTING AND POLITICIANS' DECISION AGAINST RESUMPTION AS IMPLYING DEFIANCE OF SADAT. INSTEAD, SHE
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FELT SHAZLY WAS SIMPLY EXPLAINING THAT DECISION WAS IN HANDS

OF CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP. MRS VERED ALSO MADE POINT THAT IT
WAS RATHER HARD TO CONCEIVE OF COMMANDER OF THIRD EGYPTIAN
ARMY--KNOWING TERRIBLE SITUATION OF HIS FORCES--AS BEING
A HAWK.
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